

Appl. No. 09/954,656
Amendment and/or Response
Reply to final Office action of 29 June 2004

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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 5, 6, and 8 are pending in the application, and are allowed.

The final Office action rejects claim(s) 1, 2, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), and rejects claims 3, 4, and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant(s) may respectfully disagree with the reason(s) for rejection given in the final action, but cancel(s) the rejected claim(s) without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter in order to facilitate issuance of a patent for the allowed claim(s). Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prosecute subject matter of the canceled claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

Accordingly, the only claims left in this application have been allowed. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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